

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
Town of Marilla

Date: March 9, 2004

Members Present: Jim Heinrich
Tom Wantuck
Ralph S. Burch, Jr.
Leonard Janiga
Diane Fronczek

Members Absent: Mary Beth Wolf
Warren Cullen (newly appointed)

Guests:

Town Board:

Old Business:

By general consensus, the meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Ralph Burch, Jr. to approve the minutes of February, 2004, and seconded by Tom Wantuck. All in favor – 5 ayes. We reviewed the minutes of February received from the Planning Board. We hope to receive more information regarding the proposed flag lots mentioned by Walter Schmidt.

Jim Heinrich spoke about the proposed town park trail. He said that Tim Putt is close to finalizing his report to the Greater Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Tim hopes to complete the trail before the start of the Town's Sesquicentennial this July. When the report is complete, it must be signed off first by a representative of the Town, then by Jim Heinrich, and then it will be presented to the council for their final approval. Tim will be seeking financial support for the project from the CAB.

New Business:

Ralph Burch, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Jim Heinrich, to seek the Town Board's approval of Leonard Janiga as CAB Chairman. All in favor – Tom, Jim, Ralph, Diane – Leonard Abstaining.

Ralph Burch, Jr. presented the article from the Alden Advertiser to the board. We found there were three items of contention in the article. There was much discussion from all present and there is a breakdown attached to the copy of the article included with this month's minutes. We feel the article needs correcting as it is detrimental to the PACE program and the Town of Marilla in general.

As a result of our evening's discussion, the board is requesting a breakdown of the past PACE grants from the Town Board. We would appreciate knowing which parcels are pending, which closed and the dollar amounts spent for the yearly grants beginning with the first grant up to the present. Also, was the entire \$500,000 spent each year or was there monies carried over into the following year's grant?

The CAB would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Victor Ball for his year as our Chairman. We feel his leadership and enthusiasm for the CAB and the Town of Marilla contributed much to our board and he will be missed.

Ralph Burch, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Jim Heinrich, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor – 5 ayes. We adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be April 6, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Fronczek, Recording Clerk